REMARKS

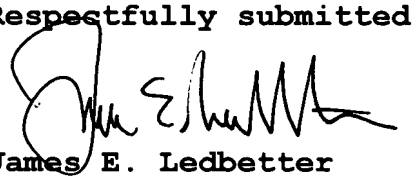
Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claim 2 is allowable. The features of allowable claim 2 have been integrated into base claim 1, and claim 2 has been canceled. New claim 6 similarly recites the features of allowable claim 2. New claims 5 and 7 recite the subject matter of method claims 1 and 6, respectively, but with respect to apparatus claims. Therefore, allowance of claims 1 and 5-7 is warranted.

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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